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C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 6932

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, KS  
SUBJ: NON-ALIGNED DECLARATION AND THE KOREAN QUESTION

REF: SEOUL 6761

1. ACTING UN DIVISION DIRECTOR YI YANG DISCUSSED WITH EMBASSY  
OFFICER AUGUST 7 THE LATEST WORD THE ROK HAS ON THE BELGRADE  
NON-ALIGNED MEETING AND ITS POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE UNGA.

2. YI SAID THEY HAVE LEARNED FROM CONTACTS IN NEW YORK THAT  
THE KOREAN LANGUAGE IN THE BELGRADE DECLARATION WAS FIRST  
NEGOTIATED IN A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE,  
COMPOSED OF YUGOSLAVIA, ALGERIA, NORTH KOREA, INDIA, MALAYSIA,  
AND SRI LANKA. THIS GROUP WORKED OUT A REVISION OF THE ORIGINAL  
YUGOSLAV DRAFT FOR REFERENCE TO THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE. THERE  
KUWAIT HAD PROPOSED FURTHER CHANGES, NOTABLY INCLUDING REFERENCE  
TO "ALL THE KOREAN PEOPLE AND THE FREE EXPRESSION OF ITS WILL",  
WHICH WERE ACCEPTED BY THE COMMITTEE. THE LANGUAGE  
SUBSEQUENTLY WAS APPROVED BY THE PLENARY SESSION WITHOUT  
DEBATE.

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2. YI SAID THAT SRI LANKAN AMBASSADOR FERNANDO HAD TOLD  
ROK AMBASSADOR MUN OF A CONVERSATION FERNANDO HAD HAD  
WITH NORTH KOREA'S UN MISSION CHIEF HAN SI-HAE IN  
BELGRADE. HAN HAD TOLD FERNANDO THAT THE PREVIOUS  
"HARSH POSITION" OF NORTH KOREA HAD GAINED LITTLE  
SUPPORT, AND THAT THE NORTH KOREANS WERE ADJUSTING

THEIR APPROACH ACCORDINGLY, TAKING A FAR LOWER POSTURE THAN THEY HAD, FOR EXAMPLE, IN HAVANA.

3. THE UPPER VOLTANS HAD ALSO TOLD MUN THAT THE NORTH KOREANS HAD APPROACHED THEM FOR SUPPORT AND HAD BEEN TOLD THAT THEY (THE VOLTANS) WOULD NOT SUPPORT LANGUAGE ATTACKING OTHER GOVERNMENTS. YI SAID THE ROK SURMISED THAT THE NORTH HAD RECEIVED A SIMILAR MESSAGE FROM NUMEROUS OTHERS AND HAD FINALLY DECIDED THEY HAVE TO REVISE THEIR APPROACH.

4. REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEW UN DEBATE ON KOREA, YI AGAIN QUOTED FERNANDO, AS SAYING THAT THE NORTH KOREANS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO RAISE THE ISSUE WITHOUT CAUSING FURTHER DIVISION AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED. FOR THIS AND OTHER REASONS, YI SAID, THE ROKG DOES NOT NOW EXPECT THE NORTH TO PUSH FOR A DEBATE, AND SEOUL IS THEREFORE NOT TAKING ANY STEPS AT PRESENT IN THAT REGARD. HE STRESSED THAT THEY DO NOT RULE OUT A SWITCH IN THE FUTURE, AND THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO WATCH THE SITUATION CLOSELY, BUT THEY SEE NO REASON TO EXPECT A CHANGE.  
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